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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-noted reissue application by adding the following new claims 9 through 37.

- A method for preserving fresh and processed mushrooms, comprising the steps of: contacting the mushrooms briefly with an antimicrobial buffer solution having a pH of at least about 9; and rinsing the mustrooms one or more times after said contacting step with a pH-neutralizing solution having a sufficient pH to return the mushrooms to the mushroom physiological pH of about 6.5.
- The method of claim 9 wherein the antimicrobial buffer solution has a pH in the range of about 10.5 to about 11.0.
- The method of claim 9 wherein the pH-neutralizing solution comprises a browning 11. inhibitor.
- The method of claim 9 wherein the pH-neutralizing solution comprises erythorbic acid. 12.